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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re *Ex Parte* Submission
Channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area
✓ Docket MB 03-159
Docket ET 03-158

Dear Ms Dortch

Today, Chief John Gilmartin, Commanding Officer, Office of Technology and Systems Development, Police Department of the City of New York, and I met with W Kenneth Ferree, Chief, Media Bureau, Deborah E Klein, Chief of Staff to the Media Bureau, Robert Ratcliffe, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, James Brown, Deputy Chief, Video Services Division, David Roberts, Senior Attorney, Video Services Division, and Nai Tam, Senior Engineer, Media Bureau concerning the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above dockets

There was an initial discussion regarding the character of the proceedings which was resolved by examining the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which designated the proceedings as "permit-but-disclose" and that *ex parte* presentations are permitted. Subsequent to this discussion, we stressed the importance of channel 16 to public safety communications in the New York Metropolitan area. We related that additional investment in public safety communications in the region awaits the Commission's decision on the proposal to provide permanent authority for public safety agencies to operate on channel 16. We urged the Commission to take prompt and positive action committing channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area permanently to public safety communications.

Respectfully,

John E Logan

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